



Norfolk's Scope Convention Center was filled for almost every session of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Pastors' Conference which preceded it.

Church Staff Salary Survey Report In Mail

The "Church Staff Salary Survey" authorized by the Mississippi Convention is being distributed to churches throughout the state. Every pastor is urged to study the material carefully and

return to the Department of Church-Minister Relations the enclosed card naming the church leader or leaders to whom the booklet should be sent. It is the committee's plan to have the survey results in the hands of the proper leadership in the churches by July 31, 1976.

The study was formulated by a lay committee composed of the following members of the Convention Board: Gene Triggs, chairman; Dr. James Gatewood; Mrs. Jessie Lewis; Bobby Kirk; and Powell Ogletree.

In addition to the salary and compensation practices in the responding churches, the survey sets forth guidelines drawn up by the committee. Gene Triggs, committee chairman, points out that the guidelines are not to be construed as an effort to tell the churches what to do. The committee, he said, fully recognizes the local autonomy of each congregation. The inclusion of the guidelines was felt to be necessary to complete and give direction to the study, he indicated.

The survey questionnaire was sent to approximately 1,728 pastors. (Continued on page 5)



Bill Duncan, left, pastor of First Baptist Church, Piquette, examines the Church Staff Salary Survey Report with Clifton Perkins, director of the Department of Church-Minister Relations.

Pastors' Conference Elects Mobile Man As President

Jerry Vines, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama, was elected president of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference to lead a slate of officers including Bailey Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma, as vice-president and Mike Todd, pastor of Bluff Park Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama, as secretary-treasurer.

The Pastors' Conference was held in the Scope Convention Center in Norfolk, Virginia on Sunday and Monday immediately prior to the Southern Baptist Convention on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the same hall.

Vines was the speaker during the conference. Smith spoke later during the Tuesday evening session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Vines told the pastors: "The hope of this nation is not in Washington. The hope of this nation is in the God gifted men in the

pulpits, preaching a resurrected Christ."

Speakers for the opening session were Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia and Russel Clearman, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, (Continued on page 3)

Ground Breaking For Gulfshore Set July 1

Pass Christian dignitaries and Baptist officials will participate in ground breaking ceremonies July 1 for the beginning of construction work for the restoration of Gulfshore assembly, the Baptist conference facility to be located at Pass Christian.

The contractor, Roy Anderson Jr., of Gulfport, also will take part in the ground breaking

ceremonies, which will get under way at 1 p.m.

Representing Pass Christian will be the mayor, Steve Saucier; Supervisor Billy McDonald; and the manager of the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Ruth Gordon.

The buildings formerly located on the assembly grounds at (Continued on page 3)

Messengers Adopt Missions Challenge For 25 Years

NORFOLK — A ringing challenge to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person in the world in the next 25 years was accepted here Wednesday night by messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

"We join hands and hearts in this cooperative effort," said SBC President Jaroy Weber as the report of the SBC Missions Challenge Committee was adopted.

The committee was appointed in 1974 to study the potential of SBC worldwide missions during the last 25 years of the Twentieth Century.

While the report contains 15 specific recommendations, committee chairman Warren Hultgren, pastor of Tulsa's First Baptist Church, said the "summa bonum" of the report is the challenge that "the convention set as its primary mission to challenge that every person in the world shall have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Christ in the next 25 years."

Hultgren said the report looked at the "total spectrum of mission outlook and outreach."

"Our challenge has always been missions, but the challenge now

is how to do it better and more fruitfully," he added.

In presenting a section of the report, Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N. C., quoted a Baptist who challenged the committee by saying:

"No man or group of men could do the SBC a greater service than to provide a challenge sufficient to command the expenditure of the life and substance of this convention to its very limit."

Bates said he has no regrets about the report. "But if I did have one it would be that perhaps we (Continued on page 2)

Many Miss Message

Ford Comm.

President Gerald Ford, addressing the 119th session of the Southern Baptist Convention, told the 12,000 messengers filling Norfolk's Scope Convention Center, "The essential task of leadership in our modern age, as in ages past, is to inspire, to teach, to act with courage, to live with honor, to show the way."

He paid tribute to Southern Baptists for their contributions of religious liberty, democratic principle, social equality, evangelistic fervor, and moral strength. He applauded Southern Baptists' insistence on separation of church and state and said, "you have always believed that private morality and public service can—and must—go hand in hand."

The President singled out Brooks Hays, a former Congressman and a former president of the convention as one who "has stood throughout his distinguished career as a man of courage and

conviction, a man of towering strength, a man who sets a good example for all of us in public or private life." He called Hays "a very dear friend."

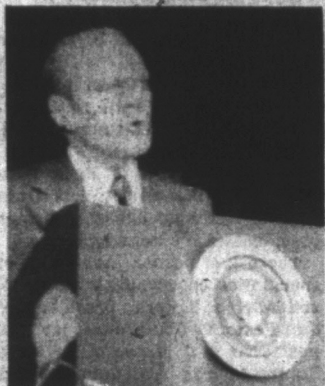
First in History

The President's visit to the convention, the first in history for an incumbent president, was a part of Southern Baptists' bicentennial observation. The bicentennial year was the reason for the selection of Norfolk, Va., as the site for the convention. These two factors, the presidential visit and the site, combined to create a state of unhappiness for hundreds of messengers who didn't get registered in time to receive a ticket for the Tuesday morning and afternoon sessions. Tickets were given to the first 10,500 registrants. Messengers were required to have both badges and tickets to get in either the morning session or the afternoon session, during which the President spoke. Hundreds ar-

rived in Norfolk on Tuesday to hear the President but too late for tickets.

Even inside the coliseum of Scope Convention Center confusion

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The President of the United States addresses the 119th session and the Southern Baptist Convention at Norfolk.

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Resolution Sparks Debate

SBC Hears Ford, Elects Three From Mississippi To Office

An address by the President of the United States, the election of three natives of Mississippi as the president and the two vice-presidents of the convention, and spirited debate over a resolution on abortion were features of the Southern Baptist Convention last week in Norfolk, Va.

It was Southern Baptist's salute to the nation as it nears its 200th birthday. The Norfolk site was chosen because of its proximity to many historical areas.

In the 119th session of its 131 year history the Southern Baptist Convention attained a new record in registration of 18,000. This eclipsed the former record of 18,190 set in 1974 in Dallas, Texas.

Interestingly, the new record was set in the smallest hall in which the convention has met in recent years, the 11,000-seat Scope Convention Center in Norfolk, Va. It was completely full only once this year, however, and that was for the President's speech. It was close to capacity many times.

The 1976 session of the convention was almost two distinct meetings. During its first day the messengers were addressed by the President of the United States, and a great part of the day was taken up in activities related to his visit and marking time until he arrived.

Compensation was made in some measure for the size of the meeting hall by setting up a closed circuit, image magnification system in two additional halls. Chrysler Hall, which is an-

other Scope Convention Center Auditorium, provided an additional 2,500 seats; and some 1,800 seats were available in an auditorium in Virginia Beach, where many of messengers and visitors for the convention had accommodations. Reports were that a sizable number of messengers stayed at Virginia Beach, some 20 miles away, rather than making the trip to the convention center.

During the first day, following the address by President Gerald Ford, the convention elected its own president.

James L. Sullivan, who retired in 1974 as the president of the Sunday School Board, was elected as president of the convention. He was one of the three officers elected who are natives of Mississippi. The three were all elected without a run-off.

Vice Presidents Elected

Elected first vice-president was Dotson M. Nelson Jr., pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala. The new second vice-president is Mrs. Carl Bates of Charlotte, N. C.

Sullivan was born at Silver Creek in Lawrence County, Mississippi. He also lived in Jackson and was graduated from high school in Tylertown. He was baptized by Tylertown Baptist Church and ordained by the church. He (Continued on page 2)

WMU Hears Of Women's Role In Missions Advance

NORFOLK (BP) — Missionary advance and the application of Christian principles in government depend to a large degree on women, speakers at the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) of the Southern Baptist Convention declared here.

WMU Executive Director Carolyn Weatherford of Birmingham described the role of women in missions advance.

Edward E. Plowman of Washington, news editor of Christianity Today, presented them with information about the national political scene.

Following Plowman's address, a list of senators and congressmen

was circulated among the 2,500 persons at the WMU convention. Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., WMU president, urged them to write legislators to register their opinions on vital issues.

Miss Weatherford said men declined the leadership role of the modern missionary movement in its beginning days. "The attitude of men seemed to be, 'Lord, here am I, send my sister,'" she said. As a result, women stepped into leadership.

But Miss Weatherford reminded the WMU convolve "the task of missions is so big its success depends upon the entire denomina- (Continued on page 3)

New SBC President Calls For National Moral Stamina

NORFOLK — The newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention praised the moral commitments of both President Gerald Ford and Democratic Presidential hopeful Jimmy Carter, but refused to endorse either during his first news conference here.

James L. Sullivan of Nashville, the newly-elected president of the 127 million member convention, said he was thrilled with the appearance of President Ford on the convention program the previous day.

Sullivan, who for 21 years was president and chief executive officer of the SBC Sunday School Board before his retirement in 1975, said, however, that Ford's appearance on the convention program should not be considered a political endorsement.

"He is the president of all the people, including the presidents of Jimmy Carter who has expressed approval of his being here, and I feel it was very appropriate," Sullivan said. He added, however, it would not have been appropriate if the convention had met after the Democratic and Republican National Conventions.

Sullivan, 66, said he had not personally decided who he would support for President, and would not do so until after the political conventions.

"I would be thrilled with either the President who was here yesterday, or the nominee of the De-

mocratic National Convention, for I believe they both have a high moral quality," Sullivan said.

Earlier in the news conference, Sullivan called for high moral principles in the public and private lives of members of Congress and (Continued on page 2)



The new president of the Southern Baptist Convention and the two vice-presidents, all natives of Mississippi, chat in the press room following their election. Left to right are James L. Sullivan, president, who recently retired as president of the Sunday School Board; Mrs. Carl Bates, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church of Charlotte, N.C.; second vice-president; and Dotson M. Nelson Jr., pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., first vice-president.

SBC Hears Ford, Elects Three From Mississippi

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attended Mississippi College, from which he received a doctor of divinity degree in 1948.

He was pastor in Brookhaven from 1942 to 1946.

Nelson was born in Amite County near Liberty. He attended Mississippi College, where his father was president. Mrs. Bates, wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church of Charlotte, is from Tupelo. Her husband is a former president of the convention.

There had been a great deal of speculation concerning whether or not Adrian Rogers, president of the Pastors' Conference for the past year and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, would allow his name to be placed in nomination as convention president. Rogers had insisted that he would not.

He was nominated, but immediately after the nominations closed he was on his feet to declare that he had not authorized the nomination, and he withdrew his name. Four nominees in addition to Sullivan were Stewart Simms of North Carolina, Jack Taylor of Texas, and Ken Chaffin of Texas.

In addition to the new president and the two vice presidents being from Mississippi, both Mrs. Sullivan and Carl Bates are also Mississippi natives.

The convention was taken over by federal and local security agents for the Tuesday morning and Tuesday afternoon sessions. President Ford addressed the body on Tuesday afternoon, but security measures went into effect during the morning session to prevent unauthorized persons from coming into the arena in the morning and remaining through the noon break.

Resolutions Adopted
The convention adopted resolutions on transcendental meditation, on religious freedom for all people, on abortion, on homosexuality, on beverage alcohol and pornography, and on the Lord's Day. The only one to spark much debate was the one on abortion. This resolution recognized the sanctity of human life and called for efforts to establish conditions contrary to making abortion on demand available. The section causing the most attention recognized the "limited role of government in dealing with matters relating to abortion."

After some amount of debate and parliamentary maneuvering the phrase was left in the resolution. Messengers accepted a number of recommendations of the convention's Executive Committee, including the adoption of a \$55 million budget and naming St. Louis as the site of the conven-

tion in 1980 — June 10 to 12.

William Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., will preach the annual sermon next year. The alternate will be Dr. Duke McCall, president of Southern Seminary. The music director will be William Reynolds, of the Sunday School Board. Next year's convention will be June 14 to 16 in Kansas City, Mo. The 1978 convention will be in Atlanta, Ga.; and the 1979 gathering will be in Houston, Texas.

Textbooks Questioned

Last year Herschel A. Markham, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church of Fairburn, Ga., campaigned for and received agreement by the convention for the Christian Life Commission and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to investigate a group of text books designed for use by sub teenagers. The texts are called "Man: A Course of Study," or MACOS. Markham claimed the contents of the books were influenced by Communists.

This year the Christian Life Commission report failed to mention the investigation, through it was in the written report. Markham brought this to the attention of the messengers. The next day the Baptist Joint Committee did report on the text books, but not to the satisfaction of Markham. He tried unsuccessfully to address the convention all morning and finally succeeded in holding up adjournment for lunch until he had been given two minutes. By that time it was only about 15 minutes until time to start the afternoon session, but a clear-cut adjournment vote could not be had until he was heard.

He had vowed to sue the convention if he was not heard.

He returned to Atlanta, and was reported by the Atlanta Constitution to have been arrested early Friday for being on a downtown street claiming to have a time bomb in a brief case.

After he had been wrestled to the ground and placed in custody, he explained that it was not a literal time bomb but a literary bomb, a message for everyone.

Back in Norfolk, however, messengers almost had forgotten MACOS and moved on to happier involvements. During the final session of the convention messengers almost filled the hall to pay tribute to Arthur Rutledge, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, who will retire at the end of this year.

Other Actions

In other actions, the messengers amended convention procedures to require convention cities to provide a main auditorium seating a minimum of 16,000 and guarantee

6,500 hotel rooms with a majority within walking distance or 10-minute bus ride.

They reelected W. Fred Kendall of Nashville, registration secretary and Clifton J. Allen of Winston-Salem, N. C., recording secretary.

The messengers approved two major studies covering the role and function of its Executive Committee and a missions challenge for the last 25 years of the 20th Century. Both studies were authorized two years ago by the SBC in Dallas.

A seven-member committee which studied the role of the SBC Executive Committee offered five recommendations and 12 suggestions to the convention. All were approved.

The changes called for broadening the base of Executive Committee members, upgrading their orientation, improving communication between the Executive Committee and the agencies of the SBC, keeping the authority of the Executive Committee in "healthy tension" with that of agency trustees, and clarifying the authority of the Executive Committee to look into the affairs of the agencies.

The Missions Challenge Committee, composed of seven trustees each from the Home and Foreign Mission Boards plus at-large members, offered 15 recommendations, each built around a plea for Baptists to commit themselves to taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone in the world by the year 2000.

The committee warned that unless Baptist giving trends improve drastically, there will not be enough money given by the year 2000 to support the additional 5,000 foreign missionaries and 4,500 home missionaries projected by the two mission boards.

In a report following approval of Challenge Committee recommendations, the SBC Foreign Mission Board called for a "Total Mission Thrust Now" which would double the number of foreign missionaries, increase the number of countries where missionaries serve from 82 to 125, and multiply by 10 the number of churches overseas.

The SBC Home Mission Board outlined plans for a "Bold Mission Thrust" program designed to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in the United States by the year 2000.

In a report to the convention, the SBC Stewardship Commission recommended that a special task force be appointed to find the necessary funds to carry out the challenge issued by the Missions Challenge Committee.

Budget Adopted

In adopting the record \$55 million budget for 1976-77, an increase of \$4 million over the previous budget, the convention heard a report on a record year of giving in Baptist churches last year. The messengers also learned that receipts on the current budget are running 14.25 percent ahead of gifts for the same period last year.

The \$55 million budget includes \$49 million for operating needs, \$1 million for capital needs, and a two-phase \$4.9 million challenge goal divided among the agencies, most of it going to foreign and home missions, six seminaries, and the Radio and Television Commission.

A number of motions presented before the convention were referred to the SBC Executive Committee for a report next year.

One called for a study of the use of the term "Baptist Church" by independent congregations not affiliated with the SBC. Another asked for a new bylaw or change in convention procedure that would make the vote count on all written ballots a part of the public record. A third would seek to work out ways to allow messengers to register for the convention in advance of the meeting. The fourth called for a study of a bylaw on representation on SBC boards from smaller state Baptist conventions.

After lengthy debate, the SBC also referred to its Foreign Mission Board a motion calling for more support of Southern Baptist efforts in Canada.

Messengers reaffirmed a policy of the Baptist Sunday School Board to provide financial support for Baptist state conventions after lengthy discussion on the matter during the board's report.

President's Address

In his presidential address, Jaroy Weber, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, urged Southern Baptist messengers to go to the polls and vote for men who can lead the nation to follow Christian principles and to encourage Christians to run for public office.

Citing Roger Williams, Isaac Backus, and John Leland, Weber lauded the struggle of 18th Century Baptist leaders in their quest to lead America to adopt the First Amendment which guarantees religious liberty for all.

In the annual convention sermon, Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, warned against superficial religion, urging Baptists to be realists, idealists, and optimists while reaffirming their confidence as believers.

In a speech just five hours before his election as president of the convention, Sullivan urged Baptists to continue to look to the Bible and the commandments of Jesus as the source of authority for the church. "The Bible has many critics, but it has no rivals," he said.

Other major addresses to the convention were brought by former SBC President Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.; Harold Carter, black Baptist pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church in Baltimore; Chester Swor, author, lecturer from Jackson, Miss.; Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; H. Edwin Young, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.; Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission, Nashville; Alton McEachern, pastor of First Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C.; and Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va.

In an organizational meeting of the SBC Executive Committee, William Ches Smith, III, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tifton, Ga., was elected chairman, succeeding Charles Harvey of Shreveport, La. Rufus B. Spraberry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Vernon, Tex., was named vice chairman, and Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick of Baton Rouge, La., recording secretary.

Baptist Record To Skip Issue

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skip another issue in order to end the year with the normal 50 issues. This additional issue was skipped on June 17, the week of the Southern Baptist Convention when most of the editorial staff was away from the office.

There will be an issue dated July 1.



THE PRESIDENTS LISTEN—United States President Gerald Ford and Southern Baptist Convention President Jaroy Weber listen to Freedom '76, a Texas singing group, prior to Ford's address to the Southern Baptist Convention. SBC photo by Floyd Craig.

Ford Commends Baptists; Many Miss Message

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tion was experienced. Areas had been set aside for press personnel and other designated persons, but they were not checked closely enough. Others came into the area while the ushers were at lunch. As a result a great group of press people stood behind the reserved area, blocking the view from the back.

Some observers became fearful that the convention was about to fall apart before it was well under way. The President's address was well received, however, and a cordial atmosphere was restored.

Tribute To Baptists

The President, in a non-political, non-partisan speech, paid tribute to Baptists for their missionary spirit and their interest in health care and educational advancement.

He added, "An early champion of religious freedom — which the great Baptist minister George Truett once called 'the supreme contribution of the New World to the Old' — was Roger Williams, founder of Providence, forerunner of Jefferson and giant among Baptists. The principle of democracy itself was rooted deeply in Baptist Church life long before there was a United States of America. Thomas Jefferson so admired the Baptist form of church government that he called it the purest democracy in the world. Abraham Lincoln's mother, a devout Baptist, was perhaps the most important and enduring influence in the memorable life of her son, implanting in him a deep faith in God and always encour-

aging him to 'be somebody.' History gives us many examples of profound Baptist influence on American life, a tradition still being enriched today."

He concluded by saying, "We are far from attaining heaven on earth, but we should never grow weary in the struggle to make this earth a better place to live. That must be our constant goal, whether we labor in government or in the kingdom of God. The Southern Baptist Convention has sought through much of its history to overcome the enemies of this world — ignorance, disease, poverty, tyranny, injustice, greed, and war itself—even while setting your sights on the gates of Heaven. As America enters its third century, still battling these enemies, still reaching for life on a higher plane, we could ask no better inspiration than these words of a favorite passage of mine from the Book of Proverbs: 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path.'"

He waved to the crowd, shook hands with several on the platform, and left — to be followed shortly by the large group of photographers, writers, and television people and equipment that had come into the hall ahead of him. Assistants had labored through the night building a television platform and making necessary changes in seating arrangements. Following the afternoon session the platform was disassembled and the seating returned to normal.

Ground Breaking For Gulfshore Set July 1

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Pass Christian were destroyed during Hurricane Camille in 1969.

The construction contract was awarded to Anderson on the basis of his low bid of \$3,750,000. At the end of May the restoration account had on hand \$2,264,305. Money is still being received, pointed out Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The Convention Board has authorized obtaining a loan for the completion of the restoration, but the smaller the loan needs to be the more money that will be saved on the project, he added.

Dr. Kelly will be one of a number of Baptist officials who will participate in the ground breaking. Dr. Bev Tinnin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Meridian, was on the original Gulfshore study committee, and he will be a program participant. Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, is chairman of the Gulfshore Restoration Committee, and he will take part along with the remainder of the committee.

Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, was chairman of the fund raising committee; but he is out of the country and will not be able to participate.

Gene Triggs, the Yazoo City layman who is the president of the Convention Board, will be a program personality. In addition, all of the members of the Executive Committee of the Convention Board will be on hand. Dr. Bob Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, is chairman of this committee.

Also invited to be participants in the ceremonies are all of the department directors of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff.

The projected figure of \$3,750,000 includes construction, renovation, furnishings, equipment, and architects' fees. The new facility

will be a motel-type building with classrooms and auditorium. It is expected to take about 18 months in construction and have sleeping accommodations for 300. Food service will be available for a considerably larger number.

The construction will conform to the hurricane proof code in the area, Dr. Kelly pointed out. It will be built on pilings which will place it above the tide level and is to be constructed of steel-reinforced concrete.

Missions Advance Challenges SBC

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should have asked more."

Bates was joined by two other former SBC Presidents — Owen Cooper and J. D. Grey — in presenting the report along with Hultgren.

Cooper, a retired industrialist from Yazoo City, Miss., noted the missionary "task grows more monumental every year." He added that Southern Baptists have the organization, the finances and the messengers to accomplish the mission challenge.

"The task is not beyond Southern Baptists, but it is beyond the reach of what we are doing now," he said.

Grey, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, said it is a "grand hour for Southern Baptists to do something grand."

The report includes a recommendation that the convention "reaffirm the place and responsibility of the local church in missions."

It emphasized the Cooperative Program and Stewardship, as well as the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood Commission.

It also involves education, agencies, institutions, boards and committees of the convention in the primary aim.

New SBC President Calls For National Moral Stamina

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government officials at all levels. "Morality of public officials is everyone's business," he declared. "We cannot set the moral tone of the country without it (morality among government leaders)."

He disagreed with the First Lady Betty Ford who has been quoted as saying that Rep. Wayne Hays (D. Ohio) is a fine man personally, and that the public needs to separate his public and his private lives.

"I do not believe you can separate private conduct and moral life from an official's public life," Sullivan said. "I would call for the highest level of moral living among government officials."

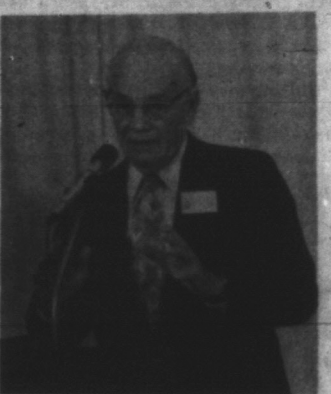
Asked what would happen if President Ford is not nominated for the presidency, Sullivan responded that "it certainly could happen." He added that "dealing with politics is like dealing with Baptists — you can't outguess them."

Sullivan added, however, that we should not prejudge the candidates, and said he had not made a personal choice because he had not had enough time to study the candidates and make a decision.

"My hope is that whoever it is will love America as we do, will defend the principles of liberty and freedom and give us an example in the highest quality of character that we need to make our nation secure," he said.

Sullivan also commented on the "angry Baptists" who couldn't get into Scope during Ford's address by noting: "I think they'll cool off. I regretted it, but I thoroughly understood the situation."

He used the incident as a springboard into a comment on liberty. "It reminds me again that if



The new president of the Southern Baptist Convention, James L. Sullivan, makes a point to reporters during a press conference shortly after his election.

we are to lose our liberty, it will have been crucified by people who abuse the liberty presented . . . The abuse of liberty destroys it. Therefore, we have got to crusade for high morality if we are going to preserve freedom in America of any kind."

Sullivan also commented on the possibility of schism in the Southern Baptist Convention similar to that which has happened in the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church over liberals and conservatives.

"I see nothing like that developing," he said.

Without directly referring to the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, a controversial group dedicated to finding and exposing theological liberals within the denomination, Sullivan noted some of the leaders of the group were personal friends.

"And I hope they remain that way," he said.

"I think democracy cannot function

without operating from a diversified base," he said. "You have to have varied opinions. Every segment of this convention makes a contribution to it."

"I hope we can find out what the leaders of this group (BFMF) have in mind. The only thing that bothers me is that they have incorporated into an organization that institutionalizes the movement. I hope these men, if they have a cause, will express it openly," he said.

When asked if his election is a repudiation of the Baptist Literature Board, a group which recently started publishing its own Sunday School literature, Sullivan said: "I don't think my election is a repudiation of anybody. I have always operated in the center of the constituency."

He also was asked directly about BFMF, and noted that he believes they "are wrong to organize formally. That's the danger."

William A. Powell of Atlanta, editor of Southern Baptist Journal, the BFMF publication, BJB, asked Sullivan, "Do you believe original manuscripts of the Bible are without error?"

The question is the one the group generally predicated to discover a theological position.

Sullivan replied: "Yes, certainly. But we don't have a copy. We always wondered why, on a lot of these matters, that God didn't provide more solid answers."

"We don't have the original cross, but if we did, we might end up worshipping the wood instead of Christ. And if we had the original manuscript, we might wind up worshipping the pages. Southern Baptists are Bible-believing people and Bible-loving people."

WMU Hears Of Women's Role In Missions Advance

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tion" and not on women alone.

Plowman also told the women's organization Christians are having a permeating influence in government, in spite of Watergate and other negative news from the Capital.

Asking women not to be pessimistic about recent scandals making news in Washington, Plowman expressed optimism "God can get at people when they are at their lowest points."

The WMU executive director (chief administrative officer) cited as encouraging the growth evident in membership, circulation of WMU publications, attendance at national meetings, and participation in young women's groups.

But she reminded them that WMU is not an organization devoted to fostering women's rights. Rather, "it is a missionary organization with woman appeal. Remembering missions will give the depth of meaning and purpose that today's Christian woman seeks."

The women received their customary "tour" of mission fields around the nation and world through messages brought to them by foreign and home missionaries appointed by SBC mission boards.

Baker J. Cauthen of Richmond, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, stressed the missionary zeal burning throughout the world. The problems of Baptists in communist countries were cited by C. Ronald Goulding of London, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Paul M. Stevens of Fort Worth, president of the SBC Radio and Television Commission, pointed out how radio and TV are used to tell all the world the message of Christ.

The religious consciousness that has been strong in American life was recalled by Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, executive director of the SBC Home Mission Board.

Rutledge, soon to retire from his post, was presented with a painting of Texas bluebonnets as an official retirement gift from Woman's Missionary Union.

A former president of WMU, Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., said the challenge of the missionary union is the legacy of the future. The spirit of missions must be preserved for the youth of today, she declared. Mrs. Gregory was reelected president of the WMU, and Mrs. William Ellis of Shelbyville, Ky., was given another term as recording secretary.

The presence of God in war torn countries was emphasized during the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union meeting by Norman Lytle of Jerusalem, a Southern Baptist missionary to Israel.

"God hears the cries, He sees the suffering, and He sends the means of deliverance," Lytle said in a plea for reconciliation among all people through God's leadership.

Lytle explained how past occurrences resulting from war have affected Jerusalem, the "arena of biblical history." Lytle cited events such as the death of athletes in Munich and bomb explosions in Jerusalem streets as scenes of suffering which does not discriminate among persons.

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory, of Danville, Va., president of the 1.1 million member Baptist auxiliary, encourage the organization to study WMU publications, continue prayer support, and rely on God for direction to achieve its purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burnes, Southern Baptist missionaries to Greece, told the women how they have maintained a Christian family under pressures. They prescribed patience, self-discipline, and respect of family members as essential elements in family unity.

At the close of the morning session, the women moved to the Scope Plaza where they participated in service of prayer, fasting, and humiliation.

Kenneth Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., told the group that "world peace and the future of the United States cannot be obtained in secret negotiations of leaders but in the prayer closets of dedicated Christians."

The crowd, which swelled to 5,000, observed the raising of 15 historic U.S. flags by Marine women, WAVES, and members of Acteens, WMU's organization for teenage girls, while an Air Force band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Chafin and the throng read a responsive prayer designed to bring a sense of humbleness and concern for the needs of others to the participants.

The audience was invited to drink a cup of cold water symbolizing the fast. Chafin reminded women of the biblical account of the woman at the well who in sharing a cup of water with Jesus found a new life.

"It is fitting that this prayer observance be called by our women, who began the call for prayer for missions among the SBC," Chafin said.

An insider on the Washington scene told women attending the WMU Convention that Christians are in government, despite what people may think after reading "bad news" from Washington daily.

"It is very possible for Christian people to serve in Washington and hold on to all the principles of their faith," said Representative John Buchanan (R.-Ala.) of Birmingham.

My wife and I have been very pleased to find many brothers and sisters in Christ in government circles.

Speaking on the Christian life of a political family, Buchanan, an ordained Baptist minister, stressed his church as the most important influence on his family. The Buchanan family is active in Riverside Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., a multi-racial city church.

Buchanan recounted how the small size of the church gives even his children opportunities to participate in Scripture reading during worship and taking of the offering.

"How liberating it is to know that one doesn't have to give up his own views in order to love somebody else," he said of the impact of his church on him personally.

Buchanan introduced his wife as "the best Christian I know." She then called their church where Buchanan has served as pastor as a "truly American church."

"It is made up of every race and political opinion . . . individuals who have found what it means to be unified in Christ."

"What preparation for life it is for our children as they grow up accepting and loving people who think differently. This is the life style that Jesus intended," Mrs. Buchanan said.

Both Buchanan and his wife emphasized their participation in their church by performing with Riverside church's choir. Buchanan donned a choir robe to sing in their choir that his wife directs.

Mrs. Gregory and WMU recording secretary Mrs. William Ellis of Shelbyville, Ky., were both

elected to their second terms as WMU officers.

Following the election, Carolyn Weatherford of Birmingham, WMU executive director, urged the capacity audience to speak forcefully through confusion created by para-church organizations and secular organizations for women.

She predicted that the SBC's upcoming Missions Challenge Committee report will call WMU to a renewal of its leadership in missions advance.

Mississippians Named On Boards And Committees

Nine Mississippians were named to boards, commissions, or committees during the Southern Baptist Convention last week in Norfolk.

Brooks Wester, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, was re-elected for a new term on the SBC Executive Committee expiring in 1980.

Named to his first term on the Foreign Mission Board was Joe McKeever, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus. This term will also expire in 1980.

Howard Aultman of Columbia, now serving as an evangelist was elected to a new term on the Board of Trustees of Southern Seminary, with the term to expire in 1981.

Re-elected to the Board of Trustees of Southeastern Seminary was Robert Ramsay, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Tupelo. This term will expire in 1981.

Two Mississippians were elected to the Committee on Boards. They were Joe Tuten, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, and Larry Otis, a layman from Tupelo. He is the executive secretary of the Agricultural Missions Foundation.

Jeanette C. Phillips of Oxford, a faculty member in the Department of Home Economics at the University of Mississippi, was elected to the Christian Life Commission for a term expiring in 1978.

R. A. McLemore of Clinton, the retired president of Mississippi College, was re-elected to the Historical Commission for a term expiring in 1980.

Another re-election for a term expiring in 1980 went to Robin Mathis of Houston, owner of Radio Station WPCP.

Pastors' Group Elects Mobile Man

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Stanley told the preachers about the "discipline of difficulty" in their ministry and urged them to thank God when difficulties come to their ministries.

Clearman talked of America and said: "We must confess with troubled heart that America has forgotten God."

He said America must "return to the faith of our fathers . . . get right with God. The nation that was born in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776 must be born again or we will all die together."

Former U. S. Congressman Walter Judd asked the pastors to take an interest in their government. The former missionary to China also urged Baptists to become active in political parties.

He said, "You can't do anything by throwing brickbats from without but you can have more influence than you can imagine from within." Another speaker, Homer

country will fail to observe its 300th birthday unless its citizens improve their relationship with God.

The pastor of the largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention characterized America as a land of lawlessness and violence.

"No nation has ever survived in wickedness and drunkenness, desecration, or debauchery," declared Criswell, former president of the SBC.

In developing the lawlessness within violence theme, Criswell said "There are drugs to tear the body apart, promiscuity to tear the home apart, bombs in acts of terrorism to tear our property apart, and vandalism to tear our schools apart, hatred and rebellion to tear our cities apart, and strange cults and practices to tear our churches apart."

"We are fast becoming a people and a nation who live in fear. We are afraid to walk our own city streets. We are afraid of the rob-

free bread and found another plan or another program," he said.

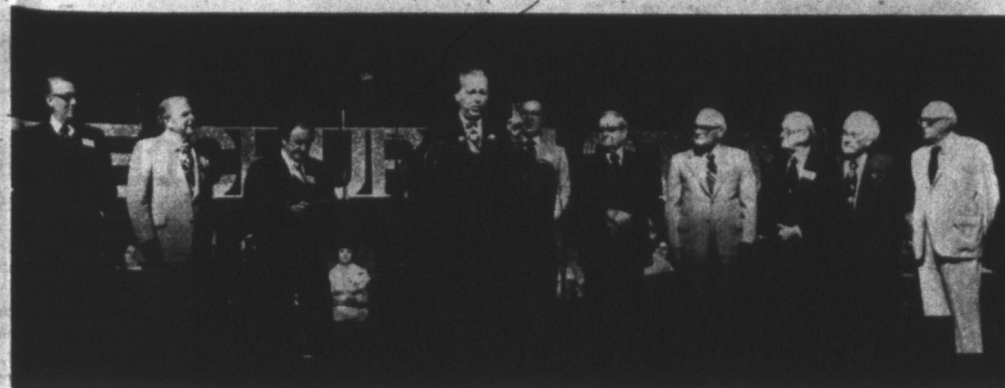
Dunn said people in fringe religions — mentioning specifically Jehovah's Witnesses and Christian Scientists — "are people who have been spiritually dissatisfied with evangelical churches."

"We had our shot at them," he said.

Peter M. Lord, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Titusville, Florida declared: "There is a spiritual hunger rampant in the land today — a hunger for reality with God and genuine love between men. If we do not lead our people in these matters, they will go where they can find them. I believe people are tired of programs, one after another. People are hungry for love. If we are going to lead others, we must set example. It is a painfully blessed thing to lead in the right direction. Of course, it is hard to change concepts which have been drilled into us for years. But it is

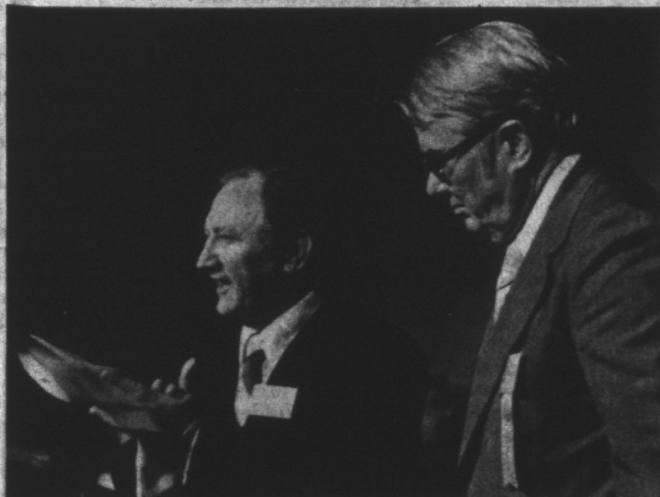
Jack Taylor, an evangelist from San Antonio, Texas, called for prayer in the selection of the nation's highest office. "Can we believe that a man can fill the office who was put there by the bending of humble knees in prevailing prayer? Yes, we can believe it. We will believe it. Nothing, absolutely nothing, lies beyond the reaches of believing prayer. If God promises anything, He promises that. If the Bible claims anything, it claims that."

The pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Arizona, Richard Jackson, told the pastors that "God has called his ministers to involvement. We are part of the people about us, their sins, their hurt, their agony. All of it, though it might be more than we seemingly can bear, is ours to share because we too are a part of the human race. The compassionate sympathy for sinners which was felt and experienced by our Lord Jesus has been reproduced in



FORMER SBC PRESIDENTS — H. Franklin Paschall (at podium) of Nashville, Tenn., was one of nine former Convention presidents who joined outgoing President Jaroy Weber (3rd from left) of Lubbock, Tex., on the platform in Norfolk. From left are Carl Bates of Charlotte, N. C.; W. A. Criswell of Dallas, Tex.; Weber; Paschall; Wayne De-

honey of Louisville, Ky.; Henschel Hobbs of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Ramsey Pollard of Memphis, Tenn.; Brooks Hays of Washington, D. C.; J. D. Grey of New Orleans, La.; and R. G. Lee of Memphis. (Mississippiian Owen Cooper also was presented, but in some way, was not included in the press photo.) SBC photo by Warren Johnson.



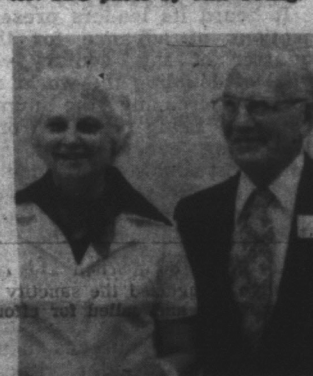
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—Porter Routh (r), executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee, was recognized during the SBC's annual meeting in Norfolk for 25 years of service in that position. SBC president Jaroy Weber presented Routh with a citation to mark the occasion. SBC photo by Floyd Craig.



Mississippi's replica of the Liberty Bell rings out to close the bicentennial session of the Southern Baptist Convention. Ringing the bell are W. O. Vaught, left, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., and John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church of Grenada, Miss. The bell will be brought home to the Mississippi Capitol grounds on July 6 and a plaque presented by the Southern Baptist Convention will be permanently mounted with it.



SECURITY SEARCH — Ladies' handbags and other items carried by Southern Baptist Convention messengers were inspected by secret service agents prior to President Ford's appearance at Norfolk's Scope Convention Center. SBC photo by Jim Young.



Mrs. James L. Sullivan, a native of Mississippi, appears in the press room of the convention with her husband, also a Mississippian and the newly elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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SBC Unity Manifest At Norfolk

The genius of the Southern Baptist Convention plan of operation again was manifest at Norfolk last week.

Predictions that divisions might develop at the meeting proved unfounded, even as similar predictions for earlier conventions have been in error.

Southern Baptists are a diverse group, but not a divided one. They are not fully agreed on some issues, but they are together on so many major unifying beliefs and programs, that division simply does not come.

These Baptists operate under the historic Bible principle of the autonomy of each local church. No denominational structure controls a single church or a single Baptist. To outsiders this is an unworkable system, but for Southern Baptists it functions most effectively, and is the very basis of their accomplishments as a people. This was clearly evident at Norfolk.

Actions

The convention chose a new leader who will serve as president for the next two years. (Election is for one year, but the practice is to reelect for a second term.)

It adopted the largest budget in its history, a goal of \$55,000,000 to be used in convention-wide and world wide work in the coming year.

It heard its leaders present projections of advance for the last quarter of this century, with the goal of doubling the world mission force; increasing the number of countries being reached from 83 to 125; using every means and resource available to provide a way for every person in the world to have opportunity to hear the gospel in the next 25 years; the strengthening and expanding of all convention institutions and agencies for stronger Christian witness; and the enlistment of and assistance for all convention churches in making the greatest Christian witness they ever have given. These are tremendous goals, but Southern Baptists are going to attempt them.

President

The unity of the convention was seen in the choice of Dr. James L. Sullivan as president on the first ballot, even though other strong candidates were nominated. This first ballot choice reveals the great confidence that Southern Baptists have in Dr. Sullivan, and also their determination to keep the convention in the path of the "middle of the road conservatism" where it so long has stood. Dr. Sullivan, who only a year or two ago retired from a long period of auspicious service as president of the Sunday School Board, some years ago described that Southern Baptist position as being to the right of the center of the road of conservatism, and called it a position from which the convention refuses to veer, either to the right or to the left. The new president can, as few men in our midst, lead the convention effectively in its already adopted plans for advance in beginning this final quarter of a century, and we predict that he will do just that. He will have the practically unanimous support of the entire convention. Mississippians are proud that it is one of their own sons who will be giving that leadership. It is of passing interest that both the first and second vice-presidents, Dr. D. M. Nelson Jr. of Birmingham, and Mrs. Carl Bates of Charlotte, N. C., also are native Mississippians.

Predictions

Prior to the Norfolk meeting there had been sharp debate in some denominational papers, dealing with issues which some individuals feared would become involved in the convention procedure. This was caused by the activity of a minority group within the conven-

tion, and the revelation of the formation of a corporation within the convention to publish new curriculum materials for consideration by churches not satisfied with available materials. Chief criticism concerned the group's failure to reveal in its announcements that its new material actually is not Baptist produced but comes from a non-denominational publisher, with some Baptist editing.

Rogers

Central in the pre-convention discussion was Dr. Adrian Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, who was president of the Pastor's Conference. He was charged with packing that meetings program with friends and members of the Faith and Message Fellowship, and it was suggested that they might use that platform to criticize the convention, and to elevate Rogers to the presidency of the convention. Both allegations were in error. First, the program of the Pastor's Conference was one of strong preaching of the Word of God, personal witness, and emphasis on Christ and Christian living. In the second place, Dr. Rogers had stated all along that he had no desire to be president of the convention, and that unless the Lord clearly led otherwise, he would withdraw his name if it were placed in nomination. Evidently, neither his critics nor his friends believed that he would not accept nomination, and one of those friends, having a strong conviction that he should be president, presented his name. Immediately Dr. Rogers came to the platform, and, as he had said he would do, asked that his name be withdrawn. Many, even of his critics, felt that he stood tall in taking this action, and grew in stature in the convention by doing it. The result was that the predicted divisive elements never did appear in the convention meeting.

Good or Great?

Actually, the convention, while a good one, was not an outstanding or memorable one as far as high spiritual impact was concerned. Perhaps the greatest spiritual peak was reached in the closing session on Thursday night, although the appearance of the President of the United States on Tuesday, with the Bicentennial address was a memorable occasion. The convention program also included a number of outstanding addresses and sermons, all built around the general theme "Let The Church Stand Up." Almost all of them related directly or indirectly to the convention's observance of the nation's Bicentennial.

Yet, this may be called a great convention because of the projections which were made for marked advance in all areas of the convention's work in the next 25 years, the last quarter of the 20th century. To double the mission force, to enter many new lands, to strengthen the whole program across America, to strengthen the whole educational program, and to enlarge and expand all areas of the convention's ministry, is a challenge and a setting of plans, which can make the Norfolk meeting memorable.

Resolutions and Business

Southern Baptists in Norfolk took their usual strong positions on numerous issues. In resolutions the convention called for religious freedom for all men everywhere, and specifically urged the Soviet Union and all other nations to "Immediately cease all policies which deprive citizens of their God-given rights to religious and political liberty," with special mention of Christian leader, Baptist Georgi Vins, who presently is imprisoned in the Soviet Union for "the alleged crime of serving the congregations

which elected (him) as pastor." Other resolutions reaffirmed the convention's strong stand against abortion, condemned homosexuality as sin but expressed concern that those involved in it be saved, opposed the teaching of Transcendental Meditation in the public schools, and opposed the advertising of beverage alcohol, and the distribution of pornography. Still others supported the American Bible Society, the Lord's Day, and the American Bicentennial. There were the usual ones on appreciation for the host city and state, recognitions of officers, etc. The convention did nothing spectacular or unusual either in its resolutions or business, yet it stood firmly where it always has stood on issues which effect the people, the churches and the nation.

Baptist Democracy

Secular reporters sometimes misinterpret the debate which occasionally arises in the convention sessions often giving it more emphasis than it really deserves. Southern Baptists believe that every messenger has a right to speak on issues which come before them, although when enough has been said, the convention sometimes cuts off talk and takes action. Presiding officers seek to be completely fair and give every person who wishes to speak a chance to be heard. At the same time, Roberts Rules of Order and constitutional Convention Procedures are followed. Sometimes there is excitement and even a little sharpness in the debate, but Baptists take it good naturedly and through the procedure the convention gets its work done. The meetings are completely democratic, and charges that the sessions are "controlled" simply are groundless.

Chimes

As usual, Foreign Mission Night, this year on Wednesday, brought inspiration and challenge, but it was the closing program on Thursday evening, which included Home Missions and other features, which brought greatest spiritual challenge, and the session was a fitting climax for the meeting. It began with a musical pageant on Baptist History. This was followed by one of the series of messages on the convention theme. Then came the report of the WMU and Brotherhood, which were combined for a presentation on the plans of the organizations for teaching missions. The Home Mission Board then gave its report, in one of its most effective presentations of recent years, using missionary speakers, marchers with flags, visuals, and young people in dramatic music presentation. That part of the program ended with a salute to retiring Home Board Secretary, Dr. Arthur B. Rutledge. Dr. Carl Bates, another former Mississippian, brought the convention closing message.

Retiring president, Jaroy Weber presented the gavel to James L. Sullivan, and Mississippi's Liberty Bell, mounted on a truck parked beside the platform, began to ring, bringing to a close this convention, and the official convention observance of America's Bicentennial Year. Dr. Sullivan brought a few closing remarks, and the benediction. If one session of the convention stands out above others, this must be it.

Unity of Purpose

Southern Baptists had a good meeting in Norfolk, and came away from the meeting in unity, and harmony, with new purposes to preach the Word of God, proclaim the gospel and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ in all that they do. They are the conservative people they always have been, and as Dr. Bates said in his closing message, "The March Goes On."

or presents the concept that lasting learning may best be imparted the teamwork way, through the learner, the leader, and the library. His purpose is to help Christians have more meaningful learning experiences.

THE RIGHT TO LIVE; THE RIGHT TO DIE by C. Everett Koop (Tyndale House, paper, \$2.95, 124 pp.) A famous pediatric surgeon speaks out on abortion and mercy killing. An articulate Christian, and unabashedly pro-life, Dr. Koop infuses his logic with warmth, compassion, and urgency.

THE LEARNING TEAM: THE LEARNER, THE LEADER, AND THE LIBRARY by Keith Mee (Convention, paper, \$2.50, 119 pp.) A Christian education

NEWEST BOOKS

A GIFT OF LOVE by Gail Magruder (A. J. Holman, \$6.95, 139 pp.) This is the story behind the headlines — the personal account of Gail Magruder's struggle to keep her family intact after her husband, Jeb, was sent to prison as a result of the Watergate Affair. This sensitive, courageous woman found she could not endure her ordeal alone, and sought help from the best possible source — God.

THE BIRTH, CARE AND FEEDING OF A LOCAL CHURCH by Donald J. MacNair (Baker, paper, \$3.95, 211 pp.) This book presents a plan by which be-

lievers can establish a church. It begins with "locating the seed families," goes on through an outline of the initial organization stage, and into the beginning of a building program. Not for a particular denomination, is a guide for any group of believers. It offers samples of surveys that have worked; sets forth a timetable for operations; outlines duties of various workers.



On The MORAL SCENE...

LIQUOR AND CASH PROFITS—John E. Bierwith, who, as the non-drinking chairman of the National Distillers and Chemical Corporation, spent 25 years turning his firm away from liquor production in favor of chemicals, said: "I didn't think the liquor business should expand and grow. You shouldn't encourage more people to drink or people to drink more. Bierwith, now 80, no longer runs the company. Its new head, Drummond C. Bell, has other ideas and is emphatic about increasing National's liquor earnings: "Liquor is a great cash generator. There is little or no capital investment, and all the profits are cash." (Coleman McCarthy, Washington Post, May 12, 1976)

POPULATION: STANDING BOOM ONLY — In early 1976 the world's population reached four billion, and that's no mean feat considering it took until about 1830 to hit the one billion mark. Population growth mushroomed after that. One hundred years later we were two billion; in 1960, three billion; and now, just 16 years later, four billion. By the year 2000, a staggering 6.5 billion people will be crowded onto the earth's surface. . . the entire range of human activity produces stresses and strains on the complex and fragile ecological system comprising our world. If present population trends continue — implying a doubling of the world's population in just 35 years — along with the present economic growth rates, some fear man may approach the point at which the ecosystem can no longer adjust to these pressures. (The Interdependent, June, 1976, Vol. 3, No. 6)

NOBODY ASKED, IS IT MORAL? — The two-volume, 815-page report released . . . by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence . . . documents as never before how the White House and the baronies of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency took the law into their own hands in the cause of preserving liberty Scarcely anyone who was involved in the operations — bugging phones, breaking into houses, slipping LSD to unsuspecting bar patrons, planning assassination attempts, undermining governments — seems to have wondered whether he was doing anything wrong. The values of the men who operated in the shadowy underground world were summed up by William C. Sullivan, for 10 years the head of the FBI's domestic intelligence division: "Never once did I hear anybody, including myself, raise the question: 'Is this course of action . . . lawful, is it legal, is it ethical or moral?' We never gave any thought to this line of reasoning because we were just naturally pragmatic." (Time magazine, May 10, 1976, page 32)

ENERGY CRISIS — At the present time the world consumes the energy equivalent of 120 million barrels of oil a day Today 4 billion people live on the earth. By the year 2000 it will be 7 billion — and we can do little about it. This means that if, by the turn of the century, we consume energy only at the present per capita rate, we would require the equivalent of 210 million barrels of oil a day . . . by the year 2000 we will need at least the equivalent of 300 million barrels per day. Oil and gas cannot ever provide more than 100 million. Hydroelectric power, solar energy in all its forms (including the use of wood, solar heaters, solar electricity and others) together with geothermal energy probably cannot yield more than the equivalent of 50 million barrels a day. (Newsweek, May 17, 1976)

Valleys

By Ruby Buckley

Riding along the highway from Athens to Corinth, Greece, I was inspired by the mountain range that circled Aegean Sea. I have always loved mountains. Nothing lifts me quite as much as a beautiful view from a high peak.

In my Christian experience I have loved the mountain-top experiences and longed for more. Until one day while studying the life of Jesus I realized that He spent more time walking in the valley and teaching others how to do so than He did on the mountains. His mountains were significant because His valleys were faithfully, enthusiastically walked.

Today I am in a valley. The valley of raising a precious family. Behind me is the mountain called Calvary. Each of them has been there and personally trusted Jesus. Recently our seven-year-old, the youngest in the Lord, at the conclusion of a deep conversation with me about what Heaven would be like, clasped his hands together and said, "Oh boy, I can hardly wait!" How thankful I am that we live on this side of the Cross!

Before me is another mountain. The one we're going to live on after this life is over. As I walk this valley with my family, some places are beautiful with warmth and certainty. There are also plateaus along the way where we rest and look back with gratitude.

Other places are rough and dangerous, filled with many roads with unclear markings. It is here that I bow before Him in fatigue, sometimes fear, not knowing how or what to do, not only for myself, but also for those He has entrusted to my care.

As I wait before Him I feel a hand on my shoulder. "Come! I am with you. I will help you. I specialize in valley walking." When He speaks, the fear and indecision leave, the way is clear and together we walk in it with joy. It's the resurrection morning all over again.

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Baptists Study Christian Education In Colloquium

By Dan Martin

WILLIAMSBURG (BP)—Southern Baptist educators and denominational and church leaders took a long hard look at the "purpose, processes and potential" of Christian education here.

More than 900 persons attended the first National Colloquium on Christian Education, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission in cooperation with the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools.

"We addressed ourselves to the serious questions concerning the purpose of a Baptist school," said Ben C. Fisher of Nashville, executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission.

Theme of the three day meeting on the campus of the College of William and Mary was "Looking to The Third Century with Confidence."

In a keynote address at the conference, Abner V. McCall, president of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., said: "We must totally reject the false idea that there is any conflict between the Christian community and the academic community."

"In this bicentennial year, we are here to examine what Baptist higher education has been doing during the last 200 years in America and what should be our future course of action."

McCall pointed out that "many church-related colleges and seminaries have suffered declines in student enrollment because of lack of support by the members of the sponsoring churches," and added that in the past five years Southern Baptist colleges and universities increased their enrollment 33 percent and seminaries increased enrollment 55 percent.

Another educational leader, Earl J. McGrath of Indianapolis, Ind., told participants that private schools which maintain a strong Christian distinctive will survive financially in the modern world.

The colloquium was the start of an intensive three-year study of the Baptist perspective on Christian education.

George Capps, director of denominational relations for the Education Commission said: "For the next three years we will be talking together about our opportunities in Christian education... studying ways of improving what we are doing... seeking to implement the challenge developed at the colloquium."

A number of conferences are planned to involve faculty and staff of the institutions, trustees, pastors, church and denominational leaders across the nation.

Representatives from each of the 71 Southern Baptist colleges, universities, Bible schools and academies as well as from the seven seminaries were present for the colloquium, Fisher said.

Drawing the most attention was

a series of "reaffirmations" on the "great Biblical and doctrinal themes." At each session, participants made a renewed commitment to the areas they touched.

"These reaffirmations are offered only to serve as guidelines for individuals and institutions who wish to re-examine seriously the Christian basis for education and who wish to engage in a renewed commitment to the great biblical and doctrinal themes which have guided in centuries past," Fisher said.

"We also believe that these truths are a summons to all Baptists to enter into the third century in the life of this republic, in obedience to the Great Commission, firmly committed to an undiminished support of our historic emphasis on missions, evangelism and education," he added.

One Southern Baptist editor, Jack Harwell of the Georgia Christian Index in Atlanta, called the reaffirmations "one of the most significant actions taken by Southern Baptists in many years."

He added: "If fully carried out, these reaffirmations pledge to the world in unmistakable terms that Baptist Educational leaders intend to make their schools as distinctively Christian as they are academically superior."

Fisher called the truths represented by the reaffirmations "the cornerstone of our institutional witness through Christian education."

The reaffirmations touched on the covenant relationship between schools and the denomination, unity in diversity, the Christian witness in a secular culture, the Christian idea of a liberal education, finance, Christian absolutes, the Great Commission, student-teacher relationships, management and Christian citizenship.

Addresses paralleled the reaffirmations.

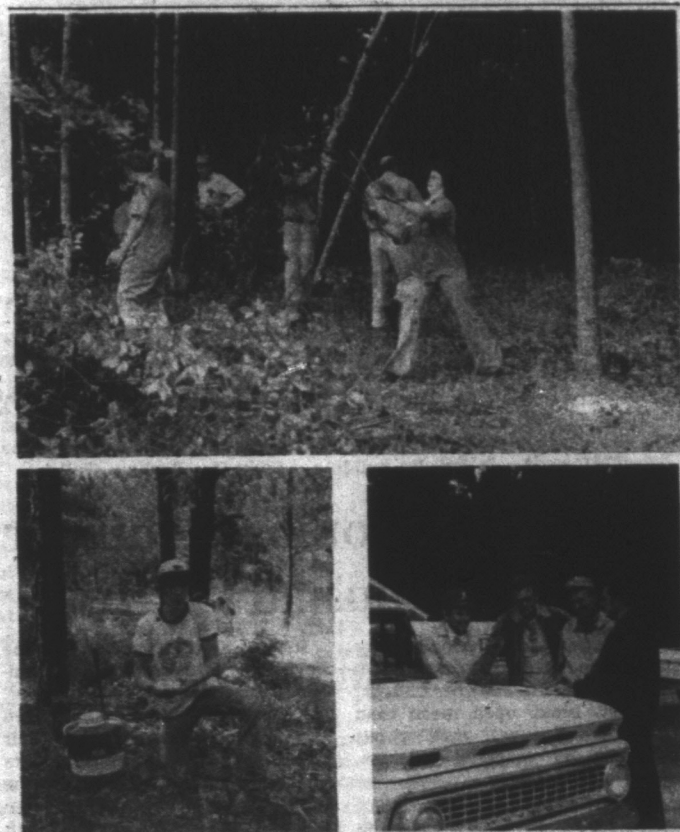
Speakers included Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee; Kenneth Chafin, pastor of Houston's South Main Baptist Church; James H. Landes, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

John Newport, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; D. Elton Trueblood, author, lecturer and professor at Earlham College, McGrath; Daniel R. Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University;

Also Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board; Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director of the Home Mission Board; Fred Harris, associate general secretary of the United Methodist Church Board of Higher Education and Ministry; E. Bruce Hellman, president of the University of Richmond; David L. Boren, Governor of Oklahoma, and William G. Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University.

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Central Hills Retreat Works Toward Spring, '78

On May 15, thirty-four eager workers joined forces for a clean-up day at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko. The camp for men and boys is currently under development. After bids are taken in the fall, construction will begin, with spring '78 the target date for opening. The clean-up day, sponsored by the Central Hills Baptist Retreat Development Committee and the Brotherhood Department, gave interested Brotherhood groups and Royal Ambassador chapters an opportunity to assist in preparing the land for construction.

Swor Urges Church To Stand Taller RE Association Commends Sunday School Board

NORFOLK, June 17 — Chester E. Swor, retired Baptist student worker from Jackson, Miss., told messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention here Thursday that the church needs to "stand up taller and speak a little louder" to youth who are bombarded with many philosophical "voices."

"Let the church stand up with a clear voice to its youth, compassionately, to those who haven't gone wrong and redemptively to those who have," said Swor.

According to Swor, youth are faced with some of the same problems and temptations that youth have always faced, but the pressure to yield to temptation is stronger than ever in history.

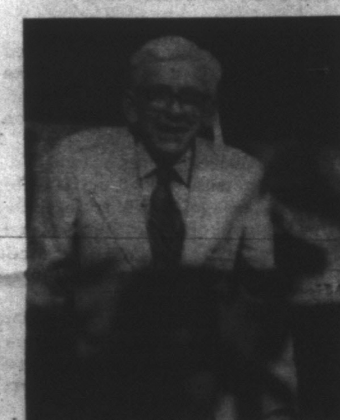
"There never has been a time in Christian history when such a diverse number of voices have been speaking to our young people, beckoning them to change their

philosophies, their code of conduct and the principles of the Word of God."

He warned the Baptist group of their need to guide youth who must make moral decisions concerning pre-marital sex, social drinking, honesty, use of drugs, situational ethics, and religious cults.

"The church has the truth — heaven help us if we don't help them," Swor said. "The church has the answer to their needs. It can fulfill their highest ideals. It can give them love and fellowship."

"When forces are perverting their minds why shouldn't we speak clearly," Swor said in reference to sex education in churches. "I encourage churches to speak frankly. The home is the best place for it, but obviously it is not being done."



He said the overwhelming majority of Baptist young people, though they've not yet been led astray, are under constant pressure from living in a society which is filled with dishonesty.

"Next to our need to preach

the gospel of salvation," Swor stated, "We need to preach the gospel of personal integrity."

The respected 69-year-old Baptist statesman expressed optimism about the future of the youth generation.

"I've had a 50-year love affair with the young people of our denomination," he explained. "We have a treasure indescribably rich in our youth. Let's help them to stay clean and pure."

"Our young people are willing to listen in 1976 not only as intelligently as ever before, but they're willing to change their patterns of conduct as never before," he said.

ACCRA, Ghana — Dr. George M. Fille Jr., Southern Baptist missionary, has been awarded the Grand Medal (honorary division) by the government of Ghana.

RE Association Commends Sunday School Board

By Jim Newton
VIRGINIA BEACH (BP) — The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association voted here to commend the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for publishing Bible-centered, doctrinally-sound literature.

The action came just three weeks after Baptist Press had reported that the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship was publishing literature through its Baptist Literature Board, claiming the literature was "produced by Southern Baptists" when actually it was written and edited for and by Scripture Press, a non-denominational publishing house in Wheaton, Ill.

The religious educators voted without debate or opposition to commend the SBC Sunday School Board for providing "Bible-centered, doctrinally-sound educationally-based, high-quality curriculum materials at the most economical prices for use by our churches."

The association also encouraged Baptist pastors and educational ministers to involve key church leaders in evaluating the denomination's literature, and "the long-range implications of using other than Southern Baptist materials in a church's education program."

Keener Pharr, chairman of the association's findings (resolutions) committee which presented the motion, told the 250 Baptist religious educators that the motion was significant "in the light of recent events."

Pharr, director of the education division for the Florida Baptist Convention, did not mention the Baptist Literature Board nor the Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship by name, but confirmed afterwards that the statement was aimed at the conservative group.

effective literature produced by our convention."

In other business, the association elected a Sunday School Board executive as its new president, and commended the denomination agencies for the quality of their cooperative planning in the "Bold Mission Thrust" being projected by Southern Baptists in 1978-79.

The new president is William E. Young, supervisor of the children's section for the church training department of the Sunday School Board.

Named as vice president and president-elect was Elmer Bailey, minister of education for Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Most of the two-day meeting at the Cavalier Hotel here was devoted to addresses, panel discussions, and musical presentations carrying out the conference theme, "Freedom through Christ." Each session featured a theme presentation by Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, famed writer-lecturer from Buies Creek, N. C.

In a luncheon address, U. S. Rep. John Buchanan (R., Ala.) sounded a patriotic theme, citing the cost of freedom paid by great Americans of the past.

"Our country is great, not because it was born in a bed of roses with a silver spoon in its mouth, but because it has survived great adversities and has learned from them," said Rep. Buchanan of Birmingham. He added he was convinced that only Jesus Christ can make men truly free, and give men freedom that lasts forever.

In another address, Daniel Grant, president of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., pointed out that there often is a very thin line between freedom that helps and freedom that hurts.

Sometimes, especially for parents rearing their children, it is necessary to deny freedom to help someone over a threshold to a higher freedom. Grant said.

Young Women Are Challenged To Look Beyond Themselves

By Mary Ann Ward

VIRGINIA BEACH (BP) — Almost 800 Southern Baptist young adult women were challenged at the three-day Kaleidoscope '76 here to look beyond themselves to find their personal missions in life and channel those missions in active involvement.

Kaleidoscope '76, the first national meeting for Baptist Young Women, a Woman's Missionary Union organization for women 18 to 29, explored options in missions in addresses by mission board executives, WMU leaders, and missionaries and in small group activities.

Responsible citizenship was stressed as one way to influence missions. Women wrote letters to their hometown newspapers expressing opinions on political issues in response to major ad-

to mail the letters when they return home.

"Any foreign policy has an affect on foreign missions," said R. Keith Parks, director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's mission support division. "A foreign missionary is apolitical. For a missionary who goes to a country not his own does not have the rights, responsibilities, and opportunities as a citizen of that country."

He recalled that when he was a missionary to Indonesia, he spent much time convincing Indonesian people that he was not an agent of the American government. "They could not believe that an American would be in their country for religious reasons," Parks said.

Parks reported that the recent revelation of the Central Intelli-

"Even the very fact that our government positions itself drastically affects our missionaries who go as American citizens," Parks explained.

Overseas missionaries have to explain United States laws that protect the American standard of living, he said, calling for women to support legislation that uplifts people "as worthwhile human beings."

Wendell Belew of Atlanta, director of the Home Mission Board's division of mission ministries, told registrants that Baptists tend to restrict political involvement to a few issues that they traditionally have been keen on, citing gambling and local liquor laws. He urged women to expand their political interests.

"It was a political action when Jesus was crucified," he said. "People thought he was an insur-

come to believe in equal rights.

Belew challenged the women to do what they could to support poverty and hunger legislation.

"It is easy to get up a basket of food while tolerating laws permitting hunger and poverty," he said.

Following Belew's address, women divided into small groups to devise ways they could inform their churches of the gravity of the hunger problem.

Suggestions included conducting information campaigns in churches, participating in church-wide meals with meager menus and inviting speakers to a local church who are knowledgeable about the hunger problem in that community.

Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., president of the Baptist woman's auxiliary, urged women to let the God-given gifts



Co-Lin To Dedicate Baptist Student Center

The public is invited to attend dedication ceremonies of the new Baptist Student Union on Copiah-Lincoln Junior College's Wesson campus on Sunday, June 27, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Roy Smith, BSU director, states that open house will follow the ceremonies. The center is located across from the Maggie Ewing Fine Arts Center and was constructed at the cost of \$37,000. The Mississippi Baptist Convention provided furnishings for the building. (Photo by Burlan Walker).

Handsboro Combats Hunger Through Unusual Sharing

On the final day of a month-long project to combat hunger, families of the Handsboro Church, Gulfport, broke open more than 100 "Love Loaves," spilling out hundreds of pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters.

The Love Loaf project was initiated by the church as a means to help feed starving people in the world's disaster areas.

Rev. J. K. Ham, pastor said the Love Loaves were small containers in the shape of a loaf of bread. Families in the church had placed the Love Loaf containers on their dinner tables as prayer reminders of the project and members of the family were encouraged to contribute coins toward famine relief.

Sunday's Breaking Ceremony yielded \$848.00, an average of \$8.50 per loaf. According to the pastor, the proceeds will be used to fight hunger in disaster areas of the world through World Vision International.

World Vision is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian humanitarian agency that combines social concern with evangelism in 26 countries.

Individual families or other churches wishing to participate may obtain information by writing: Love Loaf, World Vision International, Box 0, Pasadena, Ca. 91109.

HMB Appoints McComb Native

ATLANTA, Ga. — Randall O'Brien of New Orleans, La., has been appointed a missionary associate by the Home Mission Board.

O'Brien, a student at New Orleans Seminary, will be a student assistant at Carver Baptist Center in New Orleans.

He is a native of McComb, and a graduate of Southwest Mississippi Junior College and Mississippi College.



Eastside Is Building New Sanctuary

Eastside Church, Jackson, broke ground June 6 for a new auditorium to seat 700, and to cost \$206,563. Eastside is in a "Together We Build" program. Already \$76,000 in pledges has been reached, of the \$100,000 goal, and the church has \$65,000 in a building fund. The rest is to be financed through selling of bonds. Building Committee includes Charles Dew, chairman, Homer Lang, E. C. Different, Mrs. S. F. Hodges, and Mrs. Ed Lacy. The auditorium will be the third phase of a master plan that will be in the shape of an E. The first unit will be paid for by January, 1977. The second unit, built in 1971, is already paid for. Eastside was organized in 1931 on Old Brandon Road with 17 charter members. It is now located at 3464 Patterson Drive, in King Heights subdivision, and has 700 members. Rev. Howard Benton is in his fifteenth year as the pastor.

Madison To Dedicate New Building

Madison Church in Madison will dedicate a new building on Sunday, June 27, at 11 a.m. The completely furnished building, erected at a cost of \$250,000, will serve as interim auditorium and permanent fellowship hall. For worship the building will seat 400, and 350 can be served at tables for meals. There is a commercial kitchen for food preparation.

Special guest for the occasion will be Lt. Governor Evelyn Gandy who will also speak during the dedication service. Bill Clark, minister of music at the Madison Church, will sing a medley of patriotic hymns. Members of the Building Committee were Dr. Charles Blue, chairman, Julian Barksdale, Mrs. Howard Brewer, Phillip Browning, Sonny Ellis, Mrs. Jerry Gilbert, Mrs. Jerry Harpole, Morris Irvin, Ralph Nourse, Marshal Warwick.

Over \$125,000 was pledged to the new building during a "Together We Build" fund raising campaign. According to the pastor, Rev. Billy McKay, a record attendance is expected in Sunday School at 9:45 and the worship service following. There will be a church-wide dinner at 1 in the new facility.

During the past nine years the Madison church has seen significant advances. The church has received over 550 new members and budget receipts have grown from \$23,000 to \$124,000.

Beulah (Union) Honors Pastor

Beulah Church, Union County, observed Pastor Appreciation Day on June 6. A gift of \$150 was presented to Pastor Kara Blackard and his family, from the church. Also six families joined together in giving the pastor a Scofield Bible.

"We had a good crowd," says D. Hudson, chairman of deacons. After a sermon by the pastor, dinner was served on the grounds. In the afternoon there was singing by the Masters Quartet, and the Gospel Reflections.



Antioch Adds Fellowship Hall

Antioch (Holmes) has completed a series of improvements. A mobile home was installed and is being used for a fellowship hall. A septic tank and water rights have been added. The exterior of the building has been covered with aluminum siding. Interior remodeling provided a pastors study. Cushions have been added to the pews. The building improvement committee (bottom photo) included Mrs. Thelma Spell, Melvin Spell, Rev. John Sproles, pastor, W. E. Malone, C. F. Moore, and (not pictured) Bubba Malone. Pastor Sproles reports that an increase in attendance has accompanied the improvements.

Beyond the Ironing Board

It's a good thing to be able to go a second mile with someone, isn't it?

Something came up recently that made it good for the Daddy at our house to read to us "what the Bible says" as we tried to work through a touchy situation. He read the second-mile scripture. Explaining that carrying a load down the road for a mile for a Roman soldier was required by the law, no matter what the person ordered to carry it might be busy with, but that after the mile, nothing was required, James showed how control of the situation moved then from the soldier and the law to the heart and will of the person carrying the load. After that he could put it down, stick out his tongue, and walk away, in complete legality. The better option, of course, was to carry the load another mile or so without having to be told — a helpful gesture beyond duty, a look outside one's rights.

Yes, it's good to be able to walk the second mile. And relatively easy. It's that first mile that's always such a lu-lu for me.

You've been a lot of those first miles yourself. You know exactly what I mean, don't you? It's a mile full of silent conversation in which I do all the talking — big talking; it's a mile full of fuming, frowning, and flouncing; one full of spitting, sputtering, and smoldering; an endless mile, an unjust mile, a mile of crooks, hills, brambles; a hard, hard mile.

But it does end, and the second mile marker appears. Some sort of peace sets in, and our hearts set out. Set out on the mile that really doesn't have an end. For somehow the third-mile marker is rather unnoticeable.

C. L. Boland Retires After 36 Years

Rev. C. L. Boland has retired after 36 years in the ministry. His last pastorate was Mt. Pisgah in Rankin County, where he spent six years. Some of the other churches which he has served are New Sight near Brookhaven, Calvary at Silver Creek, Mantee, Paynes and Straight Bayou in Sharkey County.

Mr. Boland also spent 25 years as a teacher in the public schools, the last thirteen of which were at Pearl High School, where he taught Bible.

He and Mrs. Boland, the former Flora Kenney, are natives of Pontotoc. They now live at 3283 Patterson Drive in Pearl. He is available for supply and interim work.

J. P. Bush Retires

Rev. J. P. Bush of Union retired from the full-time pastorate on June 1. His last pastorate was First Baptist Mission, Union. During the time he was pastor, it was organized into a church—July 7, 1974.

During the 5½ years he was pastor there, the indebtedness on the building was paid, an air-conditioning system installed, and a new piano bought. A new pastor's home is now being completed. A mission program was adopted in which the Cooperative Program and county missions were included in the church budget. There have been several additions, by letter and baptism.

Mr. Bush answered the call to the gospel ministry in 1937. He entered Mississippi College that fall with a wife and two small children, and graduated in 1942. While in college he was pastor of several churches in Rankin County. He has been a full-time pastor since 1939.

He has served churches in Rankin, Copiah, Yazoo, Choctaw, Neshoba, Kemper, and Newton Counties.

Mrs. Bush, the former Inez Myers, has made many contributions to his ministry. The Bushes have three sons and one daughter, John D., Robert, James, and Elizabeth Bush Copeland.

Now that he has retired, Mr. Bush is available for interim pastorate or supply preaching. He and Mrs. Bush live at 306 West Walnut St., Union, MS (phone 774-8500).

Humphreys Observes Paul Broadway Day

Rev. Paul Broadway, who has been pastor of Gooden Lake Church, Humphreys Association, for 16 years, has resigned because of ill health.

It is the opinion of the doctors that he will be unable to continue pastoral duties. In view of this situation, the Humphreys Baptist Association has adopted a resolution of appreciation for him and his work.

Sunday, June 20, was set aside as Rev. Paul Broadway Day in the Baptist churches of Humphreys Association. A love offering was taken on that day as an expression of love and appreciation to him for his devotion to his church and friends of the entire county.

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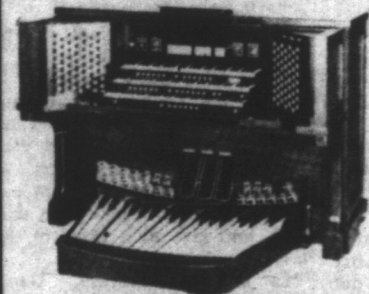
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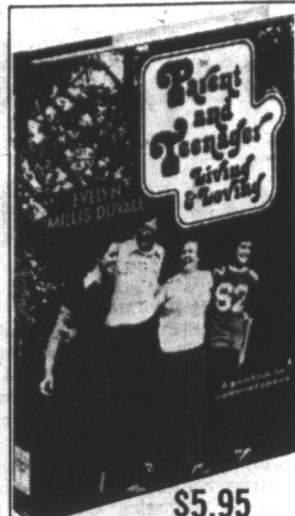
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The Spread Of The Church

By Wm. J. Fallis
Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:6-8;
2 Corinthians 5:16-20; Ephesians 2

What a day this is in our nation's history! It reminds us of struggling settlements that grew into colonies on the Atlantic seaboard, of men and women carving out their places in the New World while resisting the tyranny of the Old World. Although many had come for personal gain, some men felt it was the right time and place to take a stand for freedom for all. Many did not care, but enough were willing to risk life and possessions until the documents of democracy became living realities. They became new people politically through the gospel of freedom. Today's lesson shows how the gospel of reconciliation was given to people made new spiritually in Christ so they would turn toward the world that needed their good news.



The Lesson Explained
BEGINNING WITH POWER
AND PERSONS (Acts 1:6-8)

If the early verses of Acts sound strange, as though something had happened earlier, read the closing chapter of Luke to get the connection. These verses are a transition from the Gospel to the narrative in Acts. The disciples were still marveling that the crucified Christ was alive again. Their hopes that he might yet be the liberator of the Jews show up in the question in verse 6. They were still thinking that the Messiah had a political intention, in addition to other aspects of his ministry. Jesus' reply meant: Don't you worry about God's schedule; he will take care of the things that are his responsibility.

But the disciples had their own job to do. Instead of the mere restoration of the Jewish kingdom, Jesus promised them special power from the Holy Spirit and then an ever-widening task of being his witness. Beginning from Jerusalem they would move from that Jewish center into the

near provinces and eventually to the end of the earth. Certainly, they might be expected to tell Jews first about the Nazarene who was crucified and raised, but Samaritans and Gentiles should also hear their testimony. Christ's message must not be hoarded.

THE TRANSFORMING EXPERIENCE (2 Cor. 5:16-17)

Here again we need to know what was said in the preceding verses to catch the significance of "wherefore" of verse 16. Really, the basic idea is in verse 15: Those who have found life in Christ—through his death and resurrection—cannot live only for themselves; they must live for him.

The eyes of faith, are part of the newness of being a Christian. Being identified with the purpose of Christ makes a person "a new creature." Instead of guilty, he is forgiven; instead of despairing, he is hopeful; instead of hostile and resentful, he is open and loving. "All things are become new."

A MESSAGE FOR ALL MEN.

(2 Cor. 5:18-20)

To clarify "reconciliation," Today's English Version has verse 18 reading: "All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends, and gave us the task of making other his friends also." Men and women have alienated themselves from God by their sin. Feeling guilty, they resent the Judge and Holy One. Knowing their own hearts, they cannot imagine God's ready grace and forgiveness. Nevertheless, in Christ, God provided a model of divine love and compassion so that men could be reconciled to him. He did not count their sins against them.

That is the message God has given us to declare in his behalf. Paul wrote that to the church at Corinth where sin had marred the fellowship and where resentment against Paul had caused him deep concern. He pled with the Corinthians to be reconciled to God. But the message applies even more to those of any age who feel that God is their enemy. Those who have been reconciled—become friends with God—have been charged to share the good news as though God were speaking through them.

SABAH, Malaysia — The first national Baptist training workshop was held here recently with an average attendance of 60.

and to offer an explanation of Moses migration from Egypt to Midian.

"God heard." When God heard the cry of anguish and pain wrung from grief of their situation, He became personally involved.

"God remembered." The faithfulness of God to the covenant is the central emphasis that should be stressed beyond human personalities.

"God saw." God saw the needs of the people and was conscious of their every need.

"God knew." God became personally involved in the lives and activities of the nation.

Benjamin Franklin made one of the greatest speeches of his distinguished lifetime when he spoke of the apparent inability of the convention to solve the problems confronting it. He stated his faith in an overruling Providence and in the power of prayer when he said: "I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proof I see of this truth; that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without his aid?"

God is the source of our nation's blessings. It is to Him that we owe our praise and our thanksgiving.

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Baptists And Religious Liberty

PHILADELPHIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FORMED—Philadelphia, Pa., July 27, 1707—Representatives of five Baptist churches of the Philadelphia area formed the first association organization of Baptists in America. Through the Philadelphia Baptist Association, freedom loving Baptists could work together to promote order, sound doctrine, and effective methods in the churches. (Used with permission of the Historical Commission, S.B.C.)

Mt. Zion Plans Old-Fashioned Day, July 4

Homecoming Day at Mt. Zion (Tate) is scheduled for July 4. Highlighting the day will be recognition of former members, old-fashioned day, high attendance day, dinner on the ground, patriotic music and old-time songs.

Old-fashioned day will involve members dressing up old time style. It is rumored that one hardy pioneering family is coming to church in a wagon—and others will be coming on horseback. Also, Old Fashion Day will include a large display of antiques and relics from the past.

High Attendance Day goal in Sunday School has been set at 400.

A feast is being planned, with food prepared by church members. Beginning at 2 p.m. there will be an old-fashioned singing.

Pastor Roy Myers will be doing old-fashioned preaching, and minister of music, youth, and education, Ken Hopkins will lead in patriotic music.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For July 4

The Cry For Freedom

By Bill Duncan
Exodus 1:7-14; 2:10, 23, 25

Our Founding Fathers based their thinking of liberty upon the Biblical teaching that liberty was a natural right that came from God. Liberty permitted each person to gain or lose health, knowledge, understanding, influence, friends, happiness, and wealth without individually or collectively using fraud of aggression or initiating force or the threat of force. In other words, liberty means no more and no



less than the right to be sovereign over one's life. A man must be free to help establish values.

This was the strong desire that gave our founding Fathers the determination to go forward under God's direction and establish the United States. God heard the cries for freedom and established a covenant with individuals and groups to bless us.

On Hay Island during the Revolutionary War some hungry and dispirited soldiers dragged themselves and their wounded comrades into an old barn. The tide of battle was against them, and they were discouraged.

At that moment, General George Washington entered the barn and gave the men the truth about their situation as he said, "I promise those who will follow me further, no chance of victory, for by my God, I see none; no glory or gain, or laurels returning home, but rather wounds and death, cold, disease, and hunger, winters to come, such as this, with our bloody trail in the snow, and no end to it till you shovel each other in with those at Valley Forge."

As the weary soldiers prepared to bury a dead comrade, General Washington faced them with thoughtful and almost bitter words: "This liberty will look easy by and by when nobody dies to get it."

And this is what has happened. People have come to the point of not really realizing what it cost those who fought and thought to give us freedom.

We cannot understand American history except as a spiritual movement. The eternal God is the source of this nation, we have said, and this spirit the guide of its development. This Nation was founded upon, "In God we trust," not some atheistic secular or humanistic presuppositions. We owe much to our Hebrew-Christian tradition for the principles we use in our everyday government and laws.

Because God is the Lord of history, through his providence Israel passed from bondage into freedom and eventual nationhood. God preserved the descendants of Jacob by sending them to Egypt to live. When Joseph was in charge of the Egyptian economy, the tribal group grew and prospered in the land of plenty. When the Egyptian tried to destroy the spirit and will of the Israelites, they refused to die. "A King arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph," describes the change of circumstances. A malcontent and disloyal group of foreigners dwelling so near the military routes of the North-West was a genuine threat to Egypt. Therefore, they were forced into labor as slaves.

The pattern of oppression was very contemporary. First, the Egyptians tried to break the spirit of the people. Second, they tried to betray them from within their own ranks. Finally, when these had failed, they attempted to destroy them by the application of force from without.

God was at work preparing a person to lead his people at his time. Very few people took notice of the little boy named Moses. But God preserved his life and prepared him to lead the people. His training was the best. The doors of opportunity were open to him in preparation for his destined ministry.

Moses is not present as a hero without a human quality. At the time that Moses murdered the Egyptian, fear swept all over him.

To debate whether or not the murder was within the will of God is to miss the point of the issue. The murder permitted the narrator to accomplish these things: To indicate Moses' identification with the Hebrews, despite his Egyptian training; reveal the fiber of Moses' character, his sense of justice, his courage, his willingness to act decisively; indicate the rebuff suffered when attempting to mediate the arguments; portray the human quality of Moses through exposing his fear

Prayer Lift For Pastors: June 27-July 3

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The Kingdom, The Power, The Glory

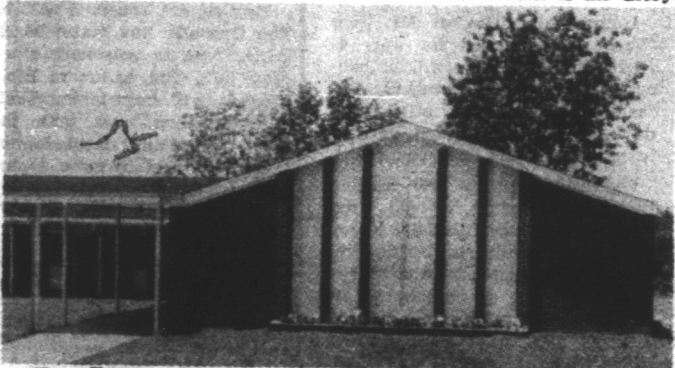
By J. B. Miller, Pastor, First, Carthage
Matthew 6:13

The central theme of the New Testament is the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom Citizen lives in the world but is not of the world. The first petition in the Lord's Prayer is "Thy Kingdom Come." The main business of the church is to usher in the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom Citizen is a healer of the world's problems. Jesus avows that the light of life cannot be hid. This has been demonstrated in the conversion experience of Governor Jimmy Carter as he faced the mass news media and declared that he had been born again. Our lives and deeds are the only God a lost world will ever know, and our testimony is the only message a lost world will ever hear. We are to be like the disciple of whom these lines were written:

Still at his post he stands,
High in the light house tower,
Guarding the way of life,
Speaking the word of power,
Resolute, tender, wise,
Full of the love of truth,
Tending the flame of Christ
As it marks the channel of youth.

Jesus said the Kingdom of God is within you. He said the Kingdom of God is at hand. He did not say the Kingdom of God would come at some future date, but that it had already come. Jesus told the men of his day that they were to seek above all else the Kingdom of God. Whenever the examples of Jesus are followed, whenever the teachings and ideals of Jesus are accepted, whenever the will of God is done, there is the Kingdom of God. When a man follows His way, believes His truth, lives His life, there is the Kingdom of God. It begins in the human heart, then spreads to the home, the community and continues to grow until some day the Kingdom of the World becomes the Kingdom of Christ.

Whenever a man repents, changes his mind and has the mind of Christ, the mind of childlike faith, love and hope, there the Kingdom begins and the power and glory come into that life and it will continue quietly like heaven until the Kingdom of this world shall become the Kingdom of Our Lord and Christ. Thine and Mine is the Kingdom, Thine and Mine is the Power, Thine and Mine is the Glory.



Lyman To Celebrate 50th Year

On June 27 First Church, Lyman will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Rev. N. J. Lee of Wiggins, former pastor, will be guest of honor at the morning service. Rev. A. H. Weger, present pastor, will be the speaker. A picnic style lunch will be served at noon. The public is invited.

Names In The News

Broadmoor Church, Jackson, ordained David Glaze to the gospel ministry June 6. David is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Glaze, missionaries to Argentina. His wife, Gloria Marler, is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Parkes Marler, missionaries to Guam. Dr. Jack Glaze, professor at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, while on leave from Argentina, preached the ordination sermon. Parkes Marler, just returned from Guam for furlough, presented the Bible and challenge. Rev. Curtis Ferrell, staff member of Broadmoor and son of missionary parents to Argentina, led in the ordination prayer. David is a first-semester student at Southern Seminary.



Antonia Canzoneri, missionary to the Bahamas, has completed furlough and returned to the field (address: P. O. Box N 8154, Nassau, NP, Bahamas).

Mr. and Mrs. L. Parkes Marler, missionaries to Guam, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: 715 E. Northside Drive, Jackson, Miss. 39206).

Rev. David W. Rogers was recently ordained by First Baptist Church, Sellersburg, Ind. where he is serving as associate pastor and youth director. Rev. Presley A. Morris pastor. Dr. Jack Glaze, missionary to Argentina, delivered the ordination sermon. Rogers is the son of the late Rev. H. S. Rogers and grandson of Rev. S. W. Rogers; he is a graduate of Mississippi State University and has completed his first year at Southern Seminary. He is married to the former Lee Anne Mathis of Columbus, Miss. After the presentation of

the Bible by Deacon Art Haire, he received a second Bible presented by his mother, Mrs. H. S. Rogers of Jackson. This Bible was the one presented to his father when he was ordained by the Midway Church of Jackson.

Petal - Harvey Church ordained Jerry Norman Barlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Barlow of Petal, to the Gospel ministry on May 30. Mr. Barlow has been called as pastor of Sylvania Church in Wesson. The charge to the church was given by Rev. Larry Barlow, brother of the candidate. Rev. Lloyd Shelton, pastor of Peabody Church in Memphis, uncle of the candidate, presented a challenge to the congregation. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Garland McInnis. The service was presided over by the Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor of the church. A check was presented to Mr. Barlow and his wife. The new minister is a graduate of William Carey College and the U. S. Naval Officer Candidate School, Newport, R. I.

Rev. Lannie W. Smith, pastor of Piave Church, Greene County, from September 1974 until April of 1976, has resigned, to assume full-time responsibilities as pastor of Towalliga Church, near Jackson, Georgia. He graduated May 15 from New Orleans Seminary, with the Master of Divinity degree. He is living at 152 South Benton Street, Apt. 6, Jackson, Georgia.



Mississippi students Stan Weatherford (left) and Rick Alford (right) were welcomed to the campus of New Orleans Seminary by Seminary President Landrum Leavell as they began June classes. Stan, a Mississippi College senior from Valparaiso, Fla., and Rick, a William Carey College senior from Moss Point, are participants in the President's Scholars Program whereby they may earn seminary credit to be applied to a degree from the seminary.

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, announces that William (Bill) Watson has accepted the call as minister of education, effective July 1, after serving four years as minister of education at First Church, Bastrop, La. Mr. Watson, a native of Clinton, received his B. A. degree from Mississippi College, and M. R. E. degree from Southwestern Seminary. During his years at MC, he was in the BSU Hour of Power Choir; he was the Religious Education Club vice-president one year, and class treasurer three years. He was song leader at Salem Church, Raymond, in the summer of 1966. He was summer youth director, Greenfield Church, Greenville, in 1969. In seminary, he was part-time youth director at First Baptist Church of Benbrook, Fort Worth. While at Bastrop, he served as association Church Training director and secretary for the Ministerial Alliance of Morehouse Parish. Mr. Watson is married to the former Kathy Minnix of Fort Worth, and is the son of Rev. and Mrs. William Watson of Clinton. Rev. Charles Gentry is the Morrison Heights pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. John D. Smith, missionaries to Indonesia, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Jl. Dr. Sutomo 22, Yogyakarta, Indonesia).

Revival Dates

Rock Bluff (Smith): June 27 - July 2; Rev. James Gill, evangelist; Tim Canterbury, singer; Rev. William Cates, pastor; Sunday services at 10:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with afternoon singing; dinner on the grounds Sunday; Mon.-Fri. at 7:30 p.m.

Gatesville (Copiah): June 27-July 2; Rev. Sam Creel, Highland, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. Robert Magee, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with dinner at the church; during week at 7:30 p.m.

Mt. Horeb (Covington): June 20-25; services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Toxie Hedgepeth, pastor, Hepzibah Church, Jeff Davis County, evangelist; Rev. Gene Stewart, pastor.

Fannin (Rankin): June 27-July 2; services Sunday 11 and 7:30; Monday - Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Emerson Tedder, Jr., pastor of Pearson Church, evangelist; James Netherland, music director of the Liberty Church, in charge of the music; Carl E. Talbert, interim pastor.

Pioneer, Woodville: June 20-27; Monday - Friday nights at 7:30; Rev. Millard Purl, pastor of Galilee Church, Gloster, evangelist; Roddy Simmons, song leader; Houston Anglin, pastor.

Union (Rankin): June 20-25; services at 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.; Howard Benton, pastor of Eastside Church, Pearl, evangelist; F. W. Valentine, song leader; J. A. McCain, pastor.

Richland Church (Rankin) June 27-30; Joe Cruse, former football player, jet pilot in Korea, and Baptist pastor before becoming a full-time evangelist, preaching; Cruse Family Singers of Jacksonville, Texas, musicians (the family sings in revivals and concerts and often is on Grand Ole Opry); Paul B. Williamson, Jr., pastor. Two special concerts will be given, on nights of June 27 and 30.

Harmony Church, Laurel, June 27-July 2; Rev. Harvey Hoffman, pastor of First Church, Farmer-ville, Louisiana, evangelist; Mark Tullis, executive director, Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, music evangelist; services at 7:30 p.m. Children's Revival Time at 7:15 each evening, led by pastor Jim McWhorter.

Air Force Band To Play At Gautier's Patriotic Rally

First Church of Gautier will stage a community wide celebration of the nation's 200th birthday, Wednesday, June 30, at 7 p.m. According to the pastor, John G. Brock, this program is planned with the hope that the entire community will take part.

This community patriotic rally will feature the Keesler Air Force Band and a community choir made up of approximately one hundred voices from area churches. The Air Force Band of the Gulf Coast, will be under the direction of Capt. Nevin L. Lantry, and the community choir, Freedom "76" Chorus, will be under direction of D. Neil Harris, minister of music at First, Gautier.

The Color Guard from the NJROTC unit from the Pascagoula High School will present the colors and Jackson County

Supervisors Bill Roberts and Ed McElroy are on program to welcome and recognize veterans and other honored guests.

Rev. Jim Allen, USN retired and minister of education at First, Gautier has been asked to present the invocation. Pastor Brock will give a Bicentennial message about God and Country.

Also on the program will be a flag presentation. The flag, one that has flown over the Capitol at Washington, will be presented on behalf of Congressman Trent Lott by Jolly McCarty of the First National Bank of Jackson County.

The flag will be raised on a newly constructed flag pole on the church site during the ceremony. At that time the congregation will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" with accompaniment



Present building of Good Hope Church, Madison County, was built in 1879.

Good Hope To Celebrate 125th Year

A celebration of 125 years of service to God is planned at Good Hope Church, Madison County, Sunday, June 27.

A history of the church will be presented during the 11 a.m. service. Mrs. David Morrow of Clinton, daughter of the late Lewis Mosley, who was a pastor of the church in the early 1900's, will bring the special music. Rev. C. J. Olander will preach. Mr. Olander was pastor of Good Hope during the depression years.

Following the morning service will be an old-fashioned "dinner

on the grounds" with revival services beginning at 2 p.m. Evangelist for the week's revival will be Rev. Buster Wilson of Center Ridge Church, Mabon.

Present pastor Rev. Walter Grayson, is a student at Mississippi College. He is also employed by Christian Radio Station, WJFR in Jackson.

The church, organized in 1851, was a member of the old Harmony Association. It grew to a peak membership of 110 in 1879. Good Hope was first called County Line Church.

"I Love America" Bicentennial Musical Expected To Draw Crowd In Tylertown

Sixty-five singers, all ages, Tylertown Baptist Church, will combine efforts in a Bicentennial musical, "I Love America," on Sunday night, June 27 at 7 o'clock in the church sanctuary.

Mt. Nebo Homecoming

Mt. Nebo, Newton Association, will hold annual homecoming June 27 with morning services beginning at 10. "Dinner on the Ground," and afternoon memorial services and special singing by the "Neighbors."

Speakers for the morning service will be Rex C. C. Cornelius, pastor of Northcrest Church, Meridian. He will also be revival evangelist, with services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. through Friday night, July 2. Rev. Allen Hill, minister of youth and music at Union, First Church, will be music evangelist.

Rev. Charles Davis is pastor.

Revival Dates

New Hope, Mt. Olive: June 27-July 2; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; 7:45 each evening Monday - Friday; Dr. Howard Aultman of Columbia, evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Carr, musicians; W. J. Murray, pastor.

New Hope (Leake): June 27 - July 2; Rev. Leon Young director of missions, Lauderdale County, evangelist; David Pickett, in charge of music; Rev. Jimmy Young, pastor; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. with dinner on the grounds; during week at 8 p.m.

from the Air Force Band of the Gulf Coast.

The entire celebration will take place on the parking lot of the church located next to Gautier Elementary School off Highway 90. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Fine Arts Center at the Gautier campus of the Jackson County Junior College. A reception will be held for guests following the ceremony.

Much of the planning has come from the Bicentennial Committee of the First Baptist Church, Beverly Cooper, Chairperson.

Highland Deplores Moral Depravity On Television

Highland Church, Vicksburg, has adopted a resolution concerning television programs since 1971. The resolution deplored "the gross moral depravity pictured in many of today's television programs."

The resolution expressed indignation toward producers of movie pornography and asked producers and distributors to use greater moral judgment and restraint in the making and showing of movies.

Rev. James Messer is the Highland pastor.

Crossgates To Dedicate Sanctuary

Crossgates Church, Rankin County, will dedicate their new sanctuary and education building on June 27, at 10:30 a.m. Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be guest speaker. Dr. David Durrett is the pastor.

Mrs. Waller To Speak To Youth Of Webster Co.

Mrs. Carroll Waller will be guest speaker when young people gather in the Eupora High School auditorium on Saturday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Rob Sugg, pastor of Fellowship Church, states, "Mrs. Waller is a lovely Christian lady, who having served as First Lady of our state has had a chance to develop an added depth in her understanding of Christian patriotism. She is an excellent speaker and will add much to the individual's concept of his patriotic responsibility."

Before Mrs. Waller speaks, the youth of Webster County will present a musical, Super 8, a "super celebration of Christian patriotism."

Reception At Paul Truitt To Honor Pastor

Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Reeves will be guests of honor at a reception to be held Sunday, June 27, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Paul Truitt Memorial Church, Rankin County. Friends of the church and of the Reeves are invited.

Mr. Reeves is retiring as pastor of Paul Truitt, and Sunday, July 4, will be his last Sunday to preach there before retirement.

Revival Results

Highland, Vicksburg: May 31-June 6; Dr. Rick Ingle, Denton, Texas, evangelist; David Grimley, song leader; James E. Messer, pastor; eight additions by letter; eight professions of faith; 75 rededications.

Utica Dedicates Williams Annex

A house next door to Utica Church, bought for educational purposes, has been named the Williams Education Annex in memory of Rev. Owen Williams, pastor of the church 28 1/2 years, and in honor of his widow, Mrs. Williams, a member of the church. Left to right, above: Bill Tillman, chairman of deacons, Jack Albritton, pastor; Mrs. Owen Williams; Mrs. Louise Smith, Mrs. Williams' daughter; and Rev. Fred Tarpley, director of missions, Hinds-Madison.



A 100-year-old house at Utica has been renovated for education space for Utica Church, at a cost of \$35,000. The building was dedicated on a recent Saturday afternoon. Rev. Fred Tarpley, director of missions, Hinds-Madison, was the principal speaker. The church is 147 years old.